

PATENT

Application No. 09/345,092  
Attorney Docket No.: 98-119

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Walker et al.  
Application No.: 09/345,092  
Filed: June 30, 1999  
For: VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM  
AND METHOD FOR  
ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE  
OF PROFITABLE ITEMS  
Customer No. 22927

) Group Art Unit: 3622 (formerly 2162)  
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) Examiner: J. Young  
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) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
) **responsive to the Final Office Action**  
) **Mailed January 24, 2001**  
) **(Paper No. 11)**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2002, (Paper No.11), entry of  
the following remarks into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully  
requested.